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## ROY MOORE'S TRAGIC DEATH.

**Suffering in Body and Mind He Gleaned Prompt Relief by his Own Hand--Statement of Attending Physicians.**

Last Thursday morning as the Republican was being mailed, we were apprised of the sudden death of Roy Salmon Moore, oldest son of W. W. Moore, president of the First National Bank of this city, the causes being as enumerated in the statement made below by the physicians.

Deceased had retired the previous night at their home in Westlawn apparently in his usual good health, but in the morning when his mother called him no response came and she went to his room, where she found him lying on his back, with death written on his brow, the death angel evidently had silently preceded her several hours before. The other members of the family were hastily summoned, only to realize that the spirit of their beloved son and brother had been separated from all that was earthly. The sad intelligence was soon made known to our entire people, and the sudden sorrow and gloom which enshrouded this home was shared in every household.

Roy's age was 22 years, 6 months and 11 days. He was an exemplary young man whose character was of the highest standard and whose abilities and intelligence gave promise of a brilliant future. He was, up to his death, holding a clerical position under his father in the bank, and was pointed to as a model young man by every patron of that institution.

Less than a year ago he professed religion and identified himself with the M. E. church, and true to his principles, lived the christian every day, caring but little for those worldly charms which lead away from the narrow path and loom up as a thorn to prick the ambition of the godly. His christian demeanor spoke his life better by far than words can depict. He has gone to his reward.

The funeral was held Saturday afternoon, Rev. S. W. Emery, pastor of the Methodist church, paying high tribute to his worthy subject at the home, Rev. C. J. Polston assisting in the ceremonies, then the remains were conveyed to the city cemetery and laid to rest, in the presence of a large concourse of friends, both old and young, aside from the immediate relatives, who had known deceased from infancy as a beloved and respected character. The family and relatives have the deep sympathy of a sorrow-stricken community in this hour when their cup of affliction is over-filled.

## A PUBLIC STATEMENT

OF THE CAUSE OF THE DEATH OF ROY S. MOORE.

As friends of Mr. W. W. Moore and family, at their request and solicitation, and for the information of those interested, we make the following statement:

Some time during the latter part of Wednesday night, October 10th, 1906, Roy S. Moore, while suffering extreme depression of mind, took a lethal dose of laudanum and carbolic acid, with suicidal intent, from the effects of which he quickly perished; that no love affair or business connections had anything to do with his act; that his relations with his family were not only pleasant and agreeable, but truly lovable—he was the idol of the whole family, and his intense and unabating love for father, mother, brothers and sister was well known to all who were in any way familiar with his home. His home was all to him that anyone could ask for, and he appreciated it to the last degree; we further state that for the past two years he suffered periodically from a delusion that his mind was leaving him, this so preyed upon him that true melancholia supervened; both

increased until the pressure became more than he could bear, and fully appreciating his surroundings, and the determination not to inflict upon his family the care of a son whose memory had become a blank, was the whole and only cause that impelled him to commit so rash an act.

We wish further to state, that we suggested that the above facts be kept quiet for a few days, out of respect for the family, whose grief at the untimely death of son and brother, was all that they could bear.

J. D. HUBBARD, M. D.  
A. I. GUNN, M. D.

The above facts are authenticated by a letter left by Roy to his parents, written just previous to his tragic death, wherein he expressed the burdens of his mind, and rehearsed the pangs he felt bodily in his present condition. His suffering, it was made plain, had increased until life, no matter how sweet, gave little hope, and finally his suffering became unbearable, and with evident feeling that he could rest his cause in the hands of his Creator to be judged by Him alone, he promptly and suddenly closed the drama of life. Whether the conditions were made better or worse, is not for mortal to pass upon.

## Mrs. James McNair Dead.

Mrs. Virginia L. McNair, aged 65 years, 7 months and 9 days, wife of James McNair, died at her home in this city at 7:30 o'clock Thursday evening, Oct. 11th, 1906, her disease being stomach trouble.

Deceased was the oldest daughter of the late Dr. John B. Thruston, and was a native of this city. She was united in marriage to James McNair Sept. 13, 1865. To this union were born seven children, five sons and two daughters. Two of the sons, Walton and Wm. Haller, reside in Alaska, Syd and James J., in Oregon, and Sam B., is at home, as is also Miss Delia, while Mrs. F. L. Fry resides at Cartersville, Mo., and all, with the husband, survive her.

"Aunt Jennie," as she was familiarly known by her myriad of friends, was one of our good christian women. She united with the M. E. Church, south, in this city at its reorganization in 1866, and with a faith which only the pure in heart can claim, she continued a consistent member until the Master called her to her just reward. She was loyal to her church, devoted to her family and ever kind and motherly to those with whom she came in contact—a noble example of pure, christian womanhood. Her suffering was long, yet she bore it patiently and silently, and when the end came she exemplified the prayer: "God's will be done."

The funeral was held Saturday afternoon, the remains being removed from the residence to the Baptist church, where Rev. S. W. Emery offered a fitting eulogy to the christian in death, and solace to the living, at the conclusion of which the interment took place at the city cemetery. The many friends of this good family extend condolence in this hour of their sorrow, and all realize that another of our valued citizens has passed away.

## Death of Mrs. W. E. Maynard.

Word was received here Tuesday by friends in this city that Mrs. Maynard, wife of Capt. W. E. Maynard, had died Sunday evening, at her home in Kingman, Kansas, after a lingering illness from liver trouble.

Deceased was the mother of Mrs. J. B. Lumpee, of this city, who had been with her for several weeks prior to her death. The family had been residents of Versailles formerly, Capt. Maynard having been the main spirit in establishing the old Bank of Morgan County in this city, and at present being in the banking business in Kingman, Kas.

Mrs. Maynard had visited here frequently since her residence in Kansas, and had numerous friends among our older citizens, who held her in high esteem and who will be sorry to learn of her death. Her remains were brought to Joplin, Mo., where interment took place Wednesday. J. B. Lumpee, who went to Kingman two weeks ago, was present when Mrs. Maynard died, and with his wife and other members of the family, accompanied the remains to Joplin for burial.

## Grand Republican Rally

At Versailles, Mo.,  
Saturday, November 3d, 1906.

## Hon. Herbert S. Hadley,

Attorney General, and the man who is making the trusts weary, will be the orator of the day. There will be a number of other noted Republican speakers present, and as this will be the wind-up of the campaign in Morgan County, every citizen of the county, irrespective of politics, should be present. Good music will be furnished by the Windsor Band, one of the best in the state. A grand time is promised.

## Changing Leaves.

Each season's beauty seems pre-eminent as the revolving year brings in the tenderness of one or the majesty of another time of year. Autumn perhaps means most to the reflective and somber. Like dusk, its charm is thoughtful and reserved. It is the twilight of the year, following summer like sunset after an unbroken day of blue. It is the time of wind and solitude, pitched in red and brown, grim, yet tender with affection and regret. Each living thing means more because it is alone.

The birds have left the shivering pines To sit among the trellised vines, Or fan the air with scented plumes Amid the love-sick orange blooms. And thou art here alone—alone— Sing, little bird! the rest have flown. The solitary leaf speaks thoughts unheard when all the tree is green and full. There is glory in the time, not less glorious because it is tragic in its mood. "Nature," said Beecher, "glories in death more than in life. . . . Every green thing loves to die in bright colors."—Collier's Weekly.

The postoffice is about to abolish the plan of "backstamping." This means that husbands who carry for weeks the letters their wives gave them to mail need have no fear of being detected if they only manage to mail them before their wives have to repair their pockets.—The Commoner.

"I would like to see war declared against the sultan of Turkey," shouted Bishop McCabe at the Michigan conference, "and I would like to participate in it!" It was Josh Billings who remarked that "eny man kin whip a elephant when thar ain't no elephants around." Bishop McCabe seems to be forgetful of his mission occasionally.—The Commoner.

Three prisoners awaiting trial in the criminal court broke jail at Sedalia Sunday night. Their names are Thomas Lee, charged with burglary; George Graves, attempted assault, and Henry Payne, grand larceny. The prisoners were in the Pettis county jail and made their escape by sawing off the bars of an outside window of the bathroom in the west end of the jail. Other prisoners gave the alarm, but not until the three had made their "get-away." The fugitives are still at large.

## Brain Leaks.

A bird on the hat costs a plenty. Perfect faith means perfect trust. Only the foolish measure life by length of years.

The man who loves his work seldom wants for a job.

The wise man will not put his trust in the labels on the can.

The man who boasts of his partisanship exposes his narrowness.

The easiest man to deceive is the man who thinks he knows it all.

The father who is not a hero to his children should hasten to reform. Jealousy and true love never get along well together in the same heart.

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Versailles, Missouri.**

## Lamine Baptist Association.

The REPUBLICAN job rooms have been busy this week getting out a pamphlet of thirty pages and cover, containing the complete minutes, the reports, statistics, etc., of the 35th annual meeting of the Lamine Baptist Association, held with the Mt. Nebo Baptist Church, in Cooper county, October 3, 4 and 5, 1906.

The pamphlet was compiled and the printing is being supervised by Rev. L. R. Kenney, of Glensted, the present clerk of the Association, and there is information and data enumerated which will be of interest to the church membership generally, as the reports and statistics show that the religious work is progressing and the membership is increasing.

The report shows 26 churches in the Association, three of which did not report, while three new churches were added. The 23 churches represented show 1857 members for last year, the present year being 2215, an increase of 358, not including those which failed to report. This is a good showing for this one Association. Judge Samuel Daniels, of this city, was re-elected Moderator for the ensuing year, and Rev. C. N. White, of Smithton, Assistant Moderator. The next annual meeting will be held in Versailles, the first week in October, 1907.

## REV. SAM JONES DEAD.

Sam Jones, the noted evangelist, of Cartersville, Ga., is dead. He, in company with his wife and family, was on his way home from Oklahoma City, Okla., to attend a family reunion and to celebrate his 57th birthday anniversary. He occupied a berth in a sleeper. Shortly before daybreak he arose complaining of a pain in the stomach. He died about 5 o'clock Monday morning, near Perry, Ark., his family and Rev. Holcomb, his collaborator, being with him. The body was shipped to Cartersville for interment.

No evangelist of the present day was equal to Sam Jones in creating religious enthusiasm, and no minister

was better known throughout the entire country. He touched elements not reached by the church, and by his eccentric sayings, and plain manner of illustrating his exhortations in his revival work drew the worldly to him. He was original, powerful and effective in his evangelistic field, and the monument he leaves behind him will shine as an unfading star for ages to come. Other theologians have proven deeper, grander in eloquence, more polished and sublime in rhetoric and learned in truths, but none have done more good in the vineyard of the Lord than Rev. Sam Jones.

## Roads and Distances in Missouri.

The plan to revive in Missouri the old-fashioned guide posts at the intersection of country roads will serve to recall to every traveler along those roads, and particularly to every farmer, how long the miles were that were indicated on those serviceable boards. Unfortunately in most counties and neighborhoods, the miles are as long now as they were in the old days, for it is not the air line represented which makes a road long or short, but the condition of the road itself.

And there you get down to a fact which has played a highly important negative part in the development of the state. When a guide post proclaimed that it was "seven miles to Stringtown," the legend gave no idea of the real distance measured in time and the wear and tear on horses and wagons. Those seven miles might be a great deal longer than twenty or thirty miles on a good rock road. Indeed, muddy, ill drained, rut infested roads have made ever so many villages and farms in Missouri more remote from the world of markets and of ideas than if it had been possible to set them back in point of time for half a century.

Now, it is this isolation and this damaging deprivation of ready markets which the good roads movement is designed to overcome. To shorten the distances noted on the old guide posts is the work of supreme material importance in the internal development of Missouri. For the past few years this state has led all others in the number of miles of railroad constructed. It is of infinitely more concern to the people that the markets which these railroads provide should be brought within easy distance of every farm in the state by the building and maintenance of good wagon highways.—K. C. Times.